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DOINGS AT THE STATE CAPITOL

Items of Interest from the Various State Departments.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Governor Broward has accepted the resignation of Mr. C. H. Dickinson, private secretary, and appointed Mr. M. A. Brown, late of Duval county, as his successor. In accepting Mr. Dickinson's resignation the Governor says:

My Dear Sir--I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date tendering your resignation as my Private Secretary which I have accepted with some reluctance.

I beg to say that you have served the office faithfully and satisfactorily, and, no doubt, I will feel your loss, but I know you will prove a useful man in the Comptroller's office.

It gives me pleasure to further say that your efficiency and courtesy has made you a man most adapted to the position of Private Secretary, and I feel that your place will be hard to fill. Had it not been that I promised the Comptroller to release you I am tempted to say that I would refuse.

I wish for you every success in your new field as you are well worthy of any honor or trust. Hoping that you will command me whenever I can serve you, and wishing you abundant success I have the honor to be,

Yours very truly,

Appointments: Notaries public at large--H. A. Anderson, F. O. Sebring, W. C. Warrington, Jacksonville; Angus Green, Dody; H. H. Regenes, Tampa; J. H. Brinson, Gainesville; Geo. W. Wells, Williston; M. F. Robinson, Sanford; H. P. Branning, West Palm Beach; A. P. Hagadorn, Lakeland; F. C. Gifford, Vero.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund have ordered a preliminary survey of the region west of St. Lucie river to Lake Okechbee, for a drainage canal.

The Commissioners of State Institutions on Tuesday awarded the contract for State printing for two years ending October 1, 1907, to the Capital Publishing Co. On Wednesday contract for the publication of three current volumes--volumes 46, 47 and 48--was awarded to The Record Co., St. Augustine, at 72 cents per page.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Adjutant-General Foster has issued a circular letter urging officers and members of the Florida State Troops to make preparations to attend the State competitive shoots which will be held here early in August, as he is anxious for the Florida team at Sea Girt, N. J., to be composed of the best marksmen from all sections of the State. The railroads are making special rates to bring soldiers here and the attendance will no doubt be large and interest great in the preliminary shoots.

SUPREME COURT.

During the last three days of last week the Supreme Court disposed of a large number of cases, including the following:

Meredith Jordan, plaintiff in error, vs. the State, defendant in error, Walton county; affirmed. Opinion by Whitfield, J.

Tom Spires, plaintiff in error, vs. the State, defendant in error, Jackson county; affirmed. Opinion by Shackelford, C. J.

Geo. Caldwell and Nelson Larkins, plaintiffs in error, vs. the State, defendant in error, Leon county; affirmed. Opinion by Hocker, J.

Manuel Waldron, appellant, vs. the State, appellee, Orange county; dismissed. Opinion by Parkhill, J.

State ex rel. John Sunday, vs. W. W. Richards, tax collector, Escambia county; affirmed. Opinion by Whitfield, J.

Robert Mugge, plaintiff in error, vs. R. A. Jackson, sheriff, Hillsborough county; reversed on rehearing and new trial ordered. Opinion by Hocker, J.

Jacksonville Electric Co., plaintiff in error, vs. Stanley Adams, by next friend, defendant in error, Duval county; affirmed.

Feodor Robinson et al., appellants, vs. P. Tischler et al., appellees, Duval county; affirmed.

Jnc. F. Bartleson et al., appellants, vs. C. W. Vincent, appellee, Alachua county; affirmed.

Putnam Lumber Co., appellant, vs. Ellis-Yung Co., appellees, and five other cases on cross appeals; Duval county; reversed.

Dr. Hiram J. Hampton, plaintiff in error, vs. the State, defendant in error, Hillsborough county; reversed.

W. C. West, plaintiff in error, vs. the State, defendant in error, Duval county; affirmed. [This was the "Sunday baseball case," and Circuit Judge Call's decision upholding the constitutionality of the recent statute was affirmed.]

The State, plaintiff in error, vs. Andrew Patterson, defendant in error, Duval county; affirmed. [In this case

Judge Call's decision against the Avery street car law was affirmed.

John Hanley, plaintiff in error, vs. the State, defendant in error; affirmed. [In this case the plaintiff in error claimed that his conviction was illegal because the jury was charged after 12 p. m. Saturday night.]

Martel Lumber Co., appellant, vs. Commercial Bank, Ocala branch, appellee; Marion county; rehearing granted.

The Governor having requested the opinion of the court on the validity of the Buckman College law, the court responded as follows:

"Reduced to its last analysis, the purpose of your letter is not to have us construe any clause of the constitution affecting your executive powers and duties, but to have us pass upon the constitutionality of an act of the Legislature.

"Section 13 of article IV of the constitution authorizes the justices of the Supreme Court, on the Governor's request, to interpret only some portion of the constitution, and does not authorize or pass upon the constitutionality of statutes that affect the Governor's executive powers and duties. Advisory opinion to Governor, 39 Fla., 397. For the reasons stated we must respectfully decline to give any opinion upon the questions propounded."

The court adjourned to October 10th.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT.

Commissioner B. E. McLin has issued a circular calling public attention to the "Pure Feed Law" recently enacted, which requires inspection of stock feed offered for sale in the State, and imposes severe penalties for selling or offering for sale spurious or imperfect goods. Also a circular calling attention to the provisions of the fertilizer laws. Information concerning these matters may be obtained from county sheriffs, who are charged with the execution of the laws.

PARDONING BOARD.

The State Pardon Board on Thursday refused a pardon to Edward C. Lamb, convicted in Manatee county of murder and sentenced to death.

A Grateful and Graceful Act.

At a meeting of the signers of the Walter L. Taylor petition for pardon, presented by the ladies of Leon county and others to the Board of Pardons, the following preamble and resolution were adopted unanimously:

Whereas, The editor and proprietor of The True Democrat has been kind and public spirited enough to devote much space in that excellent publication to give the people of Leon county and the State of Florida trustworthy information concerning the appeal for mercy made by the ladies of Tallahassee and vicinity to the Board of Pardons in the case of Walter L. Taylor, which appeal was made on behalf of his agonized wife and helpless children, and because the signers of the appeal, nearly three hundred in number, believed that the punishment to which he had been sentenced by the court was unduly severe; and

Whereas, We, the petitioners for mercy, felt greatly incensed at the intrusion of B. S. Liddon on the meeting of the Pardon Board, called at the request of the petitioners, and we are grateful to The True Democrat for its strong and timely defense of our position and feelings in the matter: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That our sincere thanks are due and are hereby tendered to The True Democrat for its manly and chivalrous behavior; and that we pledge ourselves, individually, to do all in our power to induce the good people of Tallahassee, Leon county, and others, to give to that excellent and fearless newspaper the moral and substantial support which it so richly deserves.

The Proprietor of The True Democrat returns his grateful thanks for the foregoing generous and graceful compliment, and hopes his newspaper will always deserve and enjoy the confidence and favor of the ladies of Tallahassee and Leon county.

Unnecessary Expense.

Acute attacks of colic and diarrhoea come on without warning and prompt relief must be obtained. There is no necessity of incurring the expense of a physician's service in such cases if Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is at hand. A dose of this remedy will relieve the patient before a doctor could arrive. It has never been known to fail, even in the most severe and dangerous cases and no family should be without it. For sale by all druggists.

TAX NOTICE.

The time allowed by law for payment of taxes expired April 1st. The City Council has instructed me to close my books. All property on which taxes are not paid by August 25th, will be advertised. Under these instructions no exceptions will be made. No matter who you are, if your taxes are not paid by above date, you will have to pay cost of advertising. W. D. WILSON, Tax Collector.

THE TAYLOR CASE.

Comments Clipped From the Columns of the State Press.

Several of the State newspapers have made remarks concerning the plea for mercy presented by the ladies of Tallahassee to the Board of Pardons in the Taylor case. One or two seem to think that Taylor was justly punished, but others speak plainly in criticism of the board, while still others maintain a rather puzzling silence. We reproduce below a few of the expressions noticed in our exchanges:

Governor Broward will have to go to a lot of ice cream socials in Tallahassee to gain the regard of those Tallahassee ladies. --Miami Metropolis.

The Pardoning Board got busy last week and presented a conditional pardon to the murderer of Mark Bartleson, but when one hundred ladies of Tallahassee appeared before the board and plead for a pardon for Walter Taylor, who assaulted Congressman Lamar, the board turned them away, and Taylor has gone to the penitentiary. --Madison New Enterprise.

The Board of Pardons has refused to interfere in the case of Walter Taylor, sent up from Leon county for five years. This was the result of an election row, and Congressman Lamar got the worst of it. Taylor had been accused of stuffing a ballot box, but the executive committee exonerated him. He demanded an apology from Lamar, and, failing to get it, attempted to shoot him. But the board redeemed itself next day by pardoning Williams, who killed Bartleson at Miami some two years since. --Lake City Index. [Taylor did not attempt to shoot Lamar.]

James Williams, who was serving a life sentence for killing Mark Bartleson at Miami, several years ago--a most deliberate murder, if our memory serves us correctly--has been pardoned. Walter L. Taylor, who, after being called some very vile name, assaulted Hon. W. B. Lamar, and for this offense was sentenced to prison for five years, and no pardon can be obtained that he may be made a free man, to care for his wife and five children, who are in want. --Gainesville Sun.

The State Pardon Board, in the hardness of its heart, has refused to pardon Walter Taylor, the young white man of Tallahassee who made a criminal assault on Congressman Bill Lamar before Bill was married, and who was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for simple assault with intent to do vulgar murder. The day before Taylor was taken off to the penitentiary it is said that 300 ladies of Tallahassee visited the board and pleaded and wept for Taylor's release, but the board wouldn't budge. You see, it's some different, this hittin' of a Congressman that's popular, and who rarely, if ever, dresses for such informal occasions as a street scrap. It amounted to little short of lese majeste in the new Third congressional district. --Palatka News.

Walter L. Taylor, of Tallahassee, who was sent to the penitentiary for five years for an assault on Attorney-General (now Congressman) Lamar, arrived in Ocala under guard Saturday afternoon, and is now at the Marion farms. It would probably not be appropriate for the Star to say that Mr. Taylor's sentence is undeserved, but one thing is certain, and that is that an offense of the kind is seldom so severely punished. --Ocala Star.

Mr. Taylor must serve his full term of five years in a convict camp, despite the efforts of the hundred or more noble women who petitioned for his pardon, going in a body to present the petition, while men who have been guilty of cold-blooded, premeditated murder have enjoyed the clemency of the pardoning board. Mr. Lamar, in reply to a touching appeal for his merciful offices from a gentle, noble-hearted woman, who spoke for herself in behalf of the wife and children of the condemned man, declined to act because he thought it would be "inconsistent" for him to interfere to influence the action of the pardoning board. Thus is brought out another of the glaring inconsistencies of public as well as private life. Under the circumstances, an assault made under excitement of a hot political campaign. Mr. Lamar might have been generous without offense to delicate sensibilities, and the pardoning board would hardly have been censured for showing mercy. --Leesburg Commercial.

The case was appealed to the Supreme Court, but the verdict stood. It was carried before the Pardoning Board, and the members upheld the verdict of the circuit court. All having failed, the time had arrived for his departure to the convict camps, when the estimable ladies of the Capital City looked down upon a helpless wife and five helpless children, the oldest being only nine years of age, and immediately a petition was circulated and signed by over three hundred ladies, asking the Pardoning Board to be merciful and pardon the erring father that he might remain at home and contribute to the support of his family.

The ladies went further. They obtained an interview with the members

of the Pardoning Board, as stated, Wednesday of last week, and besides presenting the petition, several of them made very eloquent pleas for Taylor's release. After the matter had been thoroughly presented and the ladies were about to retire, Judge B. S. Liddon (O hard-hearted one whom even tears and supplications of woman can not touch, who has the audacity to face without emotion the eloquent, aye, the touching appeal direct from the hearts of a body of women simply because a State law has been broken, simply because the encouraging of such would endanger civilized society, simply because the safety of law abiding citizens would in a measure suffer), arose and demanded a hearing, and having represented the State in this matter at all former trials, related the facts in the case which were the chief and only reasons of his conviction, and as opposed to the noble mission these ladies sought to accomplish, argued the justice of the court's verdict, with the result that Taylor was ruthlessly, torn from the love of family and happiness of home and forced to serve his sentence, imposed by the circuit court and upheld by the Supreme Court as well as the Pardoning Board at a former session.

The ladies became indignant, they demanded that the Governor explain this intrusion--the fact of a paid attorney being on the ground with hard-hearted fact to offset the very object of their mission. The Governor replied that all meetings of the board were duly advertised and, in fact open to all who might wish to attend. At the same time, in the eyes of the ladies, Judge Liddon was an intruder and no amount of explaining will ever suffice to set him right with those who were there for the purpose of rendering an act of mercy.

One of the ladies went so far as to write a letter to Congressman Lamar requesting him to telegraph the Governor to grant the pardon of Mr. Taylor, but even this always gallant and obliging gentleman refused to interfere, telegraphing that he could not consistently ask that the verdict of the court be reversed.

Is the day at hand when the men are lacking in chivalry? Where are those of the old school to whom it was but necessary for a woman to make a request that the body bent and the head went down with a graceful bow signifying that it was granted? Have not worldly lawyers without a semblance of love in their hearts for their client, without an expression that would signify tenderness, appeared before the Pardoning Board and by the reading of a few extracts from the pages of some dull and uninteresting law book secured the liberty of their clients? Many too, were convicted on more serious charges than Mr. Taylor. Isn't it said also that politics, plain, cold politics, govern many of the actions of some Pardoning Boards? If such is the case with Florida's Pardoning Board wasn't a great mistake made when it refused to interfere? Who in this day would mount a political stump without appealing to the women for the votes of their husbands?

Yes, there can be no doubt of it, Judge Liddon is in a peck of trouble, and the day may yet come when his head may fall off the opposite side of the block. --Quincy Times.

WAIT TILL YOU KNOW.

When Attorney-General Ellis, at a meeting of the State Board of Education recently, advised the Governor that he should ask the Supreme Court as to the "constitutionality" of the Buckman bill, more than one smile went round the room by those who knew the chief executive could ask no such thing. --Lake City Index.

You don't say so, Brother Appleyard! Did you see that smile? If you was present, and knew so much, why did you not save the Attorney-General from the humiliation of asking something of the Supreme Court which you "knew" could not be granted? Seriously, is it not a fact that no one knew, or could know, the exact condition of the law on the subject until it was expounded by the court? Don't go out of your way to hit the Attorney-General--or anybody else--until you "know."

Fertilizers.

Now is the time to order your fertilizer for everything you wish to grow in the fall. Give your orders to R. A. SHINE, Agent.

Herbine

Renders the bile more fluid and thus helps the blood to flow; it affords prompt relief from biliousness, indigestion, sick and nervous headaches, and over-indulgence in food and drink. G. L. Caldwell, Agt. M. K. and T. R. R., Chocotah, Ind. Ter., writes, April 18, 1903: "I was sick for over two years with enlargement of the liver and spleen. The doctors did me no good, and I had given up all hope of being cured, when my druggist advised me to use Herbine. It has made me sound and well." 50c. For sale by all druggists.

INAPPROPRIATE COLLEGE NAMES.

Criticisms Upon the Name, "Florida Female College."

In a recent issue of the Pensacola Journal appeared a report of an interview with "the father of several daughters," who quoted his wife as saying: "Educators who are willing to conduct a 'female' school are incompetent to instruct my daughters."

It seems strange that people who assume to be educated cannot distinguish between educators and politicians who usually compose the law-making bodies.

The law abolishing all of the State educational institutions and creating a University for men and a college for women in their stead was not framed by educators, and they should not be held responsible for any of its phraseology. The educators of Florida are fully aware that institutions possess no sex; and they would not have undertaken to force the attribute upon the institution located at Tallahassee. Is it not unfair, then, that they should be criticised for the misnomer?

It is true, that there are institutions that have been given inappropriate names by so-called educators, and some of these names have become fixed through custom, but all educators should not therefore be classed as ignorant of the error.

We do not imagine that those who are to be in charge of the college for women located here would have been guilty of such an error as was committed in the Buckman law. The faculty is composed of men and women who are not only experienced teachers, but scholars of more than local reputation. Many of them have studied in Europe as well as at the greatest Universities in this country; and it may safely be predicted that this institution for the complete education of Florida girls will be superior to any college of the kind in the South. It deserves the confident patronage of every Floridian family that has daughters to educate, and the inappropriate adjective in the name, placed thereby legislators who were not educators, should not hinder from their duty parents who think seriously of the best education for their children.

Besides, a subsequent legislature may recognize, as all educated people have done, the incongruity in the name, and correct it.

Pensacola and Jacksonville city councils contemplate the enactment of ordinances separating the races on the street cars. It is to be hoped that they will avoid the rock on which the Avery law was "split up the back."

Another Candidate.

Starke seems likely to have a candidate in the next primary for State Treasurer, one who will get almost the unanimous support of Bradford county. Paul E. Canova has said that if wanted he is willing to accept the place. --Starke telegram to Times Union.

Stop that Cough.

When a cough, a tickling or an irritation in the throat makes you feel uncomfortable take Ballard's Horehound Syrup. Don't wait until the disease has gone beyond control. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Anderson, 354 West 5th St., Salt Lake City, Utah, write: "We think Ballard's Horehound Syrup the best medicine for coughs and colds. We have used it for several years; it always gives immediate relief, is very pleasant and gives perfect satisfaction." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. For sale by all druggists.

Messrs. O. C. VanBrunt, W. Munro McIntosh and C. Z. Fenn, three of Tallahassee's most popular young business men, have formed The Tallahassee Grocery Company and are now publishing notice of incorporation. The company will succeed from the fact that all parties concerned are good business men and hustlers. The True Democrat extends good wishes.

Cures Sciatica.

Rev. W. L. Riley, L. L. D., Cuba, New York, writes: "After fifteen days of excruciating pain from sciatic rheumatism, under various treatments, I was induced to try Ballard's Snow Liniment; the first application giving my first relief and the second entire relief. I can give it unqualified recommendation." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. For sale by all druggists.

Stomach Troubles and Constipation.

No one can reasonably hope for good digestion when the bowels are constipated. Mr. Chas. Baldwin, of Edwardsville, Ill., says, "I suffered from chronic constipation and stomach troubles for several years, but thanks to Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets am almost cured." Why not get a package of these tablets and get well and stay well? Price 25 cents. For sale by all druggists.